



BRIMFIELD

Hampden County



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NARRATIVE

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Brimfield has a picturesque New England town common and a rural setting. The town has three annual flea markets during which the whole community becomes an open air bazaar and visitors come from all parts of New England to browse among hundreds of acres of stall and counters loaded with antiques, quilts, china and silver. The population of 3,000 increases geometrically for the days of the Brimfield Fair. All Town Meetings are held in the original Town Hall.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Central Massachusetts, bordered by Warren on the north, Sturbridge on the east, Holland and Wales on the south, and Monson and Palmer on the west. Brimfield is 23 miles east of Springfield and 66 miles southwest of Boston.

Total Area: 35.22 sq. miles

Land Area: 34.77 sq. miles

Population: 3,001

Density: 86 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(East Brimfield Lake Station)

Normal temperature in January.....21.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Warren, Wales, Palmer, Monson

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 245-4101

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1731

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,705		
Democrats	360	21.1	%
Republicans	289	17.0	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,056	61.9	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Brimfield town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	3,339	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	3,339	100.0
Male.....	1,654	49.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	43	1.3
Female.....	1,685	50.5	Mexican.....	7	0.2
Under 5 years.....	202	6.0	Puerto Rican.....	14	0.4
5 to 9 years.....	237	7.1	Cuban.....	6	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	300	9.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	16	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	254	7.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	3,296	98.7
20 to 24 years.....	110	3.3	White alone.....	3,241	97.1
25 to 34 years.....	338	10.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	628	18.8	Total population.....	3,339	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	577	17.3	In households.....	3,339	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	191	5.7	Householder.....	1,250	37.4
60 to 64 years.....	135	4.0	Spouse.....	764	22.9
65 to 74 years.....	199	6.0	Child.....	1,091	32.7
75 to 84 years.....	122	3.7	Own child under 18 years.....	852	25.5
85 years and over.....	46	1.4	Other relatives.....	99	3.0
Median age (years).....	38.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	38	1.1
18 years and over.....	2,427	72.7	Nonrelatives.....	135	4.0
Male.....	1,196	35.8	Unmarried partner.....	80	2.4
Female.....	1,231	36.9	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	2,311	69.2	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	441	13.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	367	11.0	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	162	4.9	Total households.....	1,250	100.0
Female.....	205	6.1	Family households (families).....	886	70.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	442	35.4
One race.....	3,319	99.4	Married-couple family.....	764	61.1
White.....	3,262	97.7	With own children under 18 years.....	370	29.6
Black or African American.....	17	0.5	Female householder, no husband present.....	86	6.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.4	With own children under 18 years.....	50	4.0
Asian.....	2	0.1	Nonfamily households.....	364	29.1
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	289	23.1
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	140	11.2
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	471	37.7
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	291	23.3
Korean.....	2	0.1	Average household size.....	2.67	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.21	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	0.1	Total housing units.....	1,396	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,250	89.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	2	0.1	Vacant housing units.....	146	10.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	109	7.8
Some other race.....	24	0.7	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	20	0.6	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.5	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	1,250	100.0
White.....	3,281	98.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,094	87.5
Black or African American.....	18	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	156	12.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	22	0.7	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.82	(X)
Asian.....	9	0.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.63	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	3	0.1			
Some other race.....	28	0.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 56

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Located in the Worcester region, which has three major cross-state highways: the Worcester Turnpike (Route 9), Route 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. I-495 borders to the east, I-190 links to the Fitchburg-Leominster area, I-84 and I-395 connect to Connecticut and points south. The region is well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

The principal highways are U.S. Route 20, which runs E-W through the town, and State Route 19 running N-S. Interstate Route 90, the Massachusetts Turnpike, cuts across the northeast corner and is easily accessible in neighboring Palmer.

Rail

There is no freight or passenger rail service in Brimfield, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Brimfield is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) but does not receive services.

Other

Metropolitan Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in neighboring Palmer, is easily accessible. It has a 2,475'x 55' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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